

REMARKS

By this amendment: (1) claims 60, 101, 102 and 103 are amended to better define the invention; (2) new claims 117–130 are added to better define the invention; (3) a provisional election of invention is made, with traverse; and (4) a provisional election of species is made with traverse.

In response to the Office action mailed December 13, 2005, in the above-identified case, the applicant provisionally elects with traverse the claims of Group VIII, claims 94-98, 101-104 and new claims 117-130 that depend from claims in this group. Applicant elects the species of divinylbenzene, with traverse. Claims 41-44, 48-52, 72-77, 80,81, 84, 117 and 126 are in this species. The generic claims are claims 19-24, 31-34, 53,54, 59-70, 92-116 and 122-125.

Claims 19-27 and 31-130 are now in this application. In view of the above amendments and the elections and arguments below, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered.

The requirement for restriction of the Examiner is respectfully traversed on the ground that: (1) the claims of Group VIII covering the method of controlling polymerization with radiation and the claims of Group V are both directed to methods of making a separation media; (2) the claims of Group VIII and the claims of Groups III and VII are related as a method of making a separation media and a separation media; (3) the claims of Group VIII and the claims of Group II are related as a method of making a separation media and a method of using a separation media; (4) the claims of Group VIII and the claims of Groups IV and X are related as a method of making a separation media and an apparatus for making a separation media; and (5) the claims of Group VIII and the claims of Groups VI and IX are related as a method of making a separation media and the starting materials for a separating media. Thus these Groups are so closely related as to not be separate and distinct. They are all in class 210 and relate to the same ultimate object—the use of monoliths in the

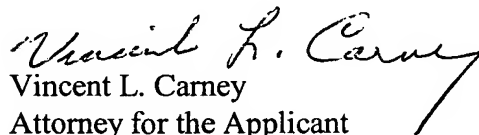
separation sciences.

Because the claims are closely related, the searches are interwoven. Because the searches are interwoven, it is respectfully submitted that the inventions have not acquired a separate status in the art. It is well known that the classification system of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is much more detailed than the actual separate status of fields known in the art.

The election of species is respectfully traversed because they are reasonable in number, divinylbenzene, glycidyl methacrylate, urea formaldehyde, silica, and a vinyl group. Five species is generally considered to be reasonable.

It is respectfully requested, in view of the above comments, that both the election of invention and the election of species be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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